SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Sir, the ion. Member has not given any specific ame ...(*Interruptions*) However, Sir I ould like to say.....(*Interruptions*)...I ould like to point out that we are not llowing anybody to get away. I would ike to say that in the course of this year s well as the previous year, there has een a much greater increase in action gainst FERA violators than in any of the revious years.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are very vigi-ant about it.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Our De-artment is working strongly against them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 403.

rrest of Foreign Nationals in J and K

*403. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH IALAVIYA: Will the Minister of OME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether any foreign nationals were rrested in a village in Jammu and ashmir during the last week of May, 988 as reported in the Indian Post of ie 26th May, 1988 published from ombay;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; nd

(c) whether these foreigners were iembers of Field Intelligence Unit (FIU) f Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, UBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS ND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to :) A statement is laid on the Table of ie House.

Statement

The news item referred to in part (a) the question was published in the Indian Post of Bombay dated 27th May, 1988. According to information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 24 foreign nationals crossed the international border in Jammu area during the month of May, 1988. Of these, 9 were Pak nationals, 2 Bangladeshis and 13 Iranians. Out of the 24 foreign nationals, 9 Pak nationals and 2 Bangladeshis nationals are facing trial. Four Iranian nationals were convicted and are completing their term of imprisonment on 27-8-1988. Nine Iranian/Afgan nationals, who crossed the border on 26th May, 1988 via Khour in Jammu were arrested by the Border Police and pushed back on the night intervening 26th/27th May, 1988.

2. The interrogation of the arrested foreigners did not reveal their being members of the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, is it a fact that out of the nine Pakistanis and two Bangladeshis arrested, there has been evidence that they are directly connected with the terrorists of Punjab ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, in my statement I have already said that there is no evidence to show that they are members of the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan. The trial is going on and it will be very difficult to say now whether there is any connection with any terrorists. At the moment, we have no information that they are connected with the terrorists.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Out of the arrested persons, one is Irshad Ahmad and my information is that there is direct evidence that he is connected with the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan. I would like to know whether this arrested person, Mr. Irshad Ahmad;

is a person who is connected with the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan and he is a member of the unit.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, I will verify this information. I cannot say anything off-hand.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Shanti Tyagi.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Sir, I have named a particular person and he should.....(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : If the matter is subjudice, we have to be very careful and, secondly, he has promised to give you the information.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: A chargesheet has been submitted in court. I would like to know whether in the chargesheet there is the name of Irshad Ahmad and that he is a member of the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan. He has admitted that the chargesheet has been filed in the court.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, you will kindly bear with me. There are a large number of cases in which there are a large number of accused. Hon. Member is referring to one particular name. I will go through these lists and go through the names. Without that it will be very difficult for me to say...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : There are only nine Pakistanis.....

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : There are only nine Pakistani Muslims...

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I have already said in my statement that there is no information that they are members of the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan.

श्री सभापति : आप उनको बता दीजिये, वे देख लेंगे।

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या आपने विदेशियों के बारे में पूछताछ की है ?

My question is very specific about a particular person, Mr. Irshad Ahmad of Pakistan.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: He should have come prepared with the answer.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, with great respect, I hope the Hon. Member will allow me to complete my answer. I have already said that none of the persons arrested in the month of May have any connection with the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan. Now you have given a particular name. I have, to go through the list of accused in each case, find out the names, and if there is any name, I will verify, check the father's name and give you the information. It is wrong for me to say something off-hand.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: He was arrested on the 26th May. Arrested by the villagers and then handed over to the police.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : There is Basheer Ahmad. Did you say Basheer Ahmad ?

AN HON. MEMBER : He said, Irshad Ahmad.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, going through the list, I am not able to find out the name of Irshad Ahmad. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Irshad Ahmad is a Congress (I) worker.

श्री शांति त्यागी : माननीय सभापति जी, माननीय मंत्री जी को इस बात की जानकारी होगी कि 15 अगस्त के दिन

श्रीनगर के कई हिस्सों में काला दिवस मनाया गया, पाकिस्तानी झंडा फहराया गया और पाकिस्तान जिन्दाबाद के नारे लगाये गये। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या उनको इस बात की जानकारी है कि इन एन्टीनेशनल और प्रो-पाकिस्तानी जलूसों में कुछ पाकिस्तानी नागरिक शामिल थे और क्या किसी पाकिस्तानी नागरिक को गिरफ्तार किया गया है और यदि हां, तो उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है।

श्री सभापति : इस सवाल से यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Actually this is a separate question at S. No. 417. I don't know whether I should answer it now. It is a separate question lower down in the list.

MR. CHAIRMAN : This does not arise out of the main question.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : All along, the Government has been assuring the House that they are taking adequate measures to prevent infiltration along the border. On Punjab, we have had a discussion. But as regards Jammu and Kashmir, recently we have witnessed a serious situation, in some places anti-India and pro-Pakistan demonstrations taking pilace and in some places, violence taking place. In view of this, the Government should have taken serious measures to prevent infiltration into that part of the border. But here the statement says Bangladeshis and Iranians have also infiltrated into the Indian border through Jammu region. This is a dangerous situation. When all sorts of people are coming into India illegally, what is the Government doing to prevent infiltration not only in case of Punjab—because there is the problem of terrorists—but in case of Jammu and Kashmir which is a very sensitive area ? What specific measures has the Government taken to prevent infiltration along the Jammu and Kashmir border ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBRAM : Several steps are being taken on the Indo-Pak border in Jammu and Kashmir also. The Border Security Force is guarding our border. The strength of the Border Security Force has been augmented, the number of posts has been augmented. After we complete the border fencing in the identified areas in Punjab, we propose to put up fencing on certain vlunerable sections of the Indo-Pak border in Jammu and Kashmir also. In the meanwhile, we have asked the Border Roads Organisation to improve the jeepable track along the zero-border. The track has been completely improved and is being maintained. Now we are trying to make it an all-weather track. Lot of steps are being taken on the Indo-Pak border.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA : This question refers to the news item in the Indian Post which says that nine Afghanistan nationals have been arrested. But there is no mention of Afghanistan nationals in the statement. I would like to know whether Afghanistan nationals had been arrested or not. The story further says that they were hiding in the army bunkers. What does this information show ? Part (b) of my question is, in the last five months, how many foreigners have been arrested for crossing the border illegally. What does their interrogation reveal ? How many of them were found to be spies ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : The Hon. Member is apparently referring to nine persons who crossed the border on the 26th May, 1988 and were appreliended by the crowd in Jammu & pushed back. But

there is a dispute about their nationality. They have been giving different nationalities to different people. One of our sources said that three of them were Afghanistanis and the remaining Iranians. According to the Jammu and Kashmir Government, all of them are Iranians. Therefore, there is some doubt about their nationality. They have all been pushed back.

Now, as far as the people who have infiltrated into our border in the last six months are concerned, during the period up to 30th June 1988, 24 persons were apprehended infiltrating into our border. Action has been taken against them. Trial is going on in some cases. I have got with me the names and the months in which they were apprehended, and if the hon. Member wants the details, I can give it.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA : How many of them were spies ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : As far as espionage is concerned, it is very difficult to say at the moment whether the person who was apprehended and pushed back, was a spy. Where we have the specific information that he is coming for espionage activity, we take action. I can give you the figures. I have these figures for 1985-86 and 1986-87. It is very difficult to say whether one is a spy or not, but he is accused of border crossing.

To answer Mr. Satya Prakash Malaviya's query, one Arshad Mahmood son of Khurshid Alam was apprehended on 19/20 May. I went through the list in the few minutes and have been able to find out this name. If that is the name the hon. Member has in mind, then I would say, this person was apprehended on 19|20 May. He is being detained under the Jammu and Kashmir Preventive Detention Act for two years with effect from 10th June, 1988. If you have any other name in mind, you have to give me the name.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA Was he a member of the Field Intelligence Unit of Pakistan ?

श्री सभापति : आपने अरशाद को इरशाद कह दिया इसलिए गड़बड़ हो गया ।

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Are we talking about the same person ?

(Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Sir, I was in Kashmir recently.

(Interruptions)

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE : Sir, it is not in the order paper, that he was in Kashmir.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : In Kashmir, there is total confusion as to who is a foreigner and who is not. I am asking a very very important question. In view of the fact that the Government of India regards the whole of Kashmir as part of India, I would like to know the view of the Central Government whether they consider the people living on the other side of the border, in Azad Kashmir, also as citizens of India and, in that context, what is the status of the Resettlement Bill which would redefine the whole question of who is a foreigner and who is not in Kashmir ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I need a separate notice for this question.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Why ? *(Interruptions)* You are ignorant and you cannot answer ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : This question is about the number of persons arrested.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : If you do not know who is a foreigner, it

you do not define.....(*Interruptions*). At least, let him say whether he considers the people of Azad Kashmir also as citizen of India or not.

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH : Wherever he goes, he creates confusion.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Only Indians are foreigners in Kashmir and nobody else is.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister of State for Home Affairs has given details as to the steps taken for checking infiltration, the number of people arrested and so on. When this question of infiltration from across the border was discussed earlier, there was mention about having aerial survey and other sophisticated methods for keeping a watch on those crossing the border. Has some effort been made, apart from the fencing which has been put up, for having aerial survey to keep a watch on the people and whether it has been found effective in the last six months ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, the para-military force which is guarding the border, the BSF, does not do any aerial survey. But whether the Army does any aerial survey or the Air Force does any aerial survey, I am not in a position to answer.

Payment of D.A. to Central Government Employees

*414. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH† :

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question 835 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1988 and state :

(a) whether Government have since received the consumer price index numbers in respect of June, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the percentage of Dearness Allowance admissible to Central Government employees w.e.f. 1-7-1988 and by when the same is likely to be paid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers on base (1960 = 100) for June, 1988 is 782. The twelve monthly average Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (general) (base 1960 = 100) on 30-6-88 is 752.75 which has constituted an increase of 23.80 per cent over the index average of 608.

(c) The rate of DA admissible w.e.f. 1-7-88 will be 23 per cent, 17 per cent and 15 per cent for basic pay upto Rs. 3500/-, over Rs. 3500/- but upto Rs. 6000/- and over Rs. 6000 p.m. respectively. The matter regarding payment of D.A. w.e.f. 1-7-88 is under consideration and a decision will be taken shortly.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know, through you, as to why neither the Secretariat nor the Finance Ministry has provided me with this detailed answer which has now been given before the House. It is my right. In the last five years, I have found

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh.